

As the Polish motto, "For Our Freedom—and Yours," slowly resurrected itself from behind the Iron Curtain, Janusz went on to be a key clandestine figure in the Solidarity movement in Eastern Poland. Working out of Bialystok, he was in charge of collecting money to support the cause—distributing in the process beautiful clandestine postage stamps for secret sale among liberty's partisans—and secretly running the region's printing press from one of his apartments.

At the same time, his sister Agnieszka, who passed away three years ago, was a fabled physician in the Medical University of Bialystok who hid Solidarity movement fugitives from Communist authorities—disguising them as patients in her hospital ward for infectious diseases. She was also the premier and pioneering figure in the largest city in northeastern Poland in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Just last year, Bialystok named a local park after Agnieszka in recognition of her vast following of well-wishers and her many medical, social, and political contributions to Poland.

Agnieszka's passing was followed last year by that of Janusz's oldest daughter, Dorota, an architect in Warsaw who was very well known for her designing of the interiors of some of the most famous gambling casinos in Poland's capital. His other daughter, Polish American Congress Washington Director Dr. Barbara Borzuchowski Andersen, is one of the Polish American community advocates best known for her work with both Congress and the White House.

Unfortunately Janusz—a devoted husband, father, brother and advocate for liberty—is himself now facing major health problems. I cannot think of a better tribute to him now than to salute him: "W imię Boga za Naszą i Waszą Wolność"—thanking God, for our freedom, yours, and that of people around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a delayed flight and was not present for two roll call votes on Tuesday, June 23, 2015. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Rollcall Vote # 376—Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015—"no."

Rollcall Vote # 377—Domain Openness Through Continued Oversight Matters Act of 2015—"yes."

Rollcall Vote # 378—TSCA Modernization Act—"yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on the vote cast for H. Con. Res. 55 (Roll no. 371).

On June 17, 2015 I voted against Representative MCGOVERN's Resolution which

would have directed the President to remove United States Armed Forces deployed to Iraq or Syria on or after August 7, 2015. I appreciate the Congressman's sustained work on this issue. I continue to believe Congress should vote on a new Authorization for Use of Military Force and have previously voted in favor of revoking the existing AUMF. However, I am not comfortable requiring that the President remove troops in the short time frame provided in this legislation, especially given the difficult job those troops face in combating ISIL and training our allies in Iraq and the region.

TRIBUTE TO THE MCCORMICK FAMILY

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the arrival of John Dominy and his two sons Tom Ball and Abraham McCormick to America in 1830 began the McCormick family lineage which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the McCormick Family has produced many well respected citizens, and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the McCormick family are pillars of strength that have touched the lives of many; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the McCormick family for they are some of our most honorable citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world and we take pride in knowing that families such as the McCormick family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other through their family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the McCormick family; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim August 1, 2015 as McCormick Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 1st day of August, 2015.

IN RECOGNITION OF GEORGIE GOODE

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Georgie Goode, a longtime Phoenix educator, and community activist, who passed away recently at the age of 87.

Born to Horace H.S. and Georgia Stroud in 1928, Mrs. Goode led a remarkable life that can serve as an example to young people in our communities. She was a Phoenix treasure—an educator, school board leader, activist, mother and grandmother who inspired our community in countless, immeasurable ways.

Raised near Atlanta in segregated schools, she would go on to graduate from Spelman College, a historically black liberal arts college for women and later received a master's degree from Atlanta University.

Mrs. Goode arrived in Phoenix in the 1950s, where she would marry Mr. Calvin C. Goode. In her time in Phoenix, she was a tremendous leader, serving as a City of Phoenix Councilwoman for 22 years. She was passionately committed to strengthening education and did so through her work on the board of the Phoenix Elementary School District and Phoenix Union High School District, as well as a teacher in the Roosevelt School District.

Mrs. Goode was also a very active member of several community boards, where she was instrumental in providing basic amenities for several neighborhoods, such as paved roads, streetlights, and a library.

Mr. Speaker, Georgia Goode was a pillar of the Phoenix community. Her lifelong commitment to education, building strong neighborhoods, and mentoring those around her will live on. I am deeply honored to recognize Georgie Goode's storied life. She will be missed by many, but her impact on our communities will endure for generations to come.

HONORING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE PALM BEACH RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY 2

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County as they open the Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility 2. Today, the facility will celebrate its public grand opening as the most environmentally friendly waste-to-energy power plant in North America. It is also the first waste-to-energy power plant built in the United States in more than 15 years. As a member of Congress representing Palm Beach County, I am proud to recognize the County's commitment to alternative forms of energy and reducing the accumulation of waste.

The Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility 2 will reduce our reliance on the County's landfill by up to 90 percent while providing enough energy to power an estimated 44,000 homes and businesses. Each year, this facility will process over one million tons of post-recycled waste as well as recycle an estimated 27,000 tons of metal. Not only will the Palm Beach Renewable Energy Facility 2 repurpose our waste, but it will do so in an efficient way using advanced air pollution controls and water conservation measures.

I especially look forward to visiting the facility's Education Center. This Center will provide countless opportunities to educate our students and the greater public on the benefits of preserving our environment and investing in innovative energy solutions.

I congratulate the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, its partners, and its employees on this momentous occasion and honor them.

PROTECTING SENIORS' ACCESS TO MEDICARE ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ROD BLUM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2015

Mr. BLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the wellbeing of seniors in my district. The House passed H.R. 1190, which would repeal provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as ObamaCare, to create an unelected Independent Patient Advisory Board (IPAB) to determine Medicare benefits.

Currently, ObamaCare grants the IPAB the authority to unilaterally cut Medicare spending, risking the solvency and stability of the program, without an Act of Congress. Simply put, the unelected and unaccountable Washington bureaucrats, not patients and doctors, control the level of benefits at the most important health care system for seniors.

Like millions of seniors, my late mother depended on Medicare for quality health care to meet her needs during her golden years. Because this issue is so personal to me, I am proud to join Representative ROE (R-TN) and 233 other bipartisan cosponsors in the House to vote in favor of this critical legislation.

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House to protect Medicare for today's seniors, while providing a fiscally sound program to assist future generations. Our seniors deserve the best health care, and the right to make their own choices and not rely on unaccountable executive appointments to make decisions for them.

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to support the bipartisan Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act of 2015 and the repeal of the IPAB.

CONGRATULATING PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES ON EARNING PLACEMENT ON THE FORTUNE 500 LIST

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pioneer Natural Resources of Irving, Texas, on having a successful fiscal year and joining an elite group of businesses on the Fortune 500 list.

Pioneer is a strong and driven company set on providing oil and natural gas to the world. They work to meet the needs and demands of the oil and natural gas market that drives much of the energy industry. Pioneer has provided many years of stable economic growth, producing jobs and opportunities worldwide. It is an incredibly active and enriching company, and I am honored to have such a business within the 24th district of Texas.

This company was not built overnight. Pioneer came to be by hardworking individuals and tactical strategic intelligent business maneuvers. With large oil and natural gas operations, its economic impact is felt far and wide. But its positive impact on local communities is just as meaningful. Pioneer's employ-

ees give back by volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, Dallas Court Appointed Special Advocates, the United Way, and the North Texas Food Bank, to name a few.

By focusing on economic growth and helping the communities in which they are involved, Pioneer has built a strong reputation. This company will continue expanding and practicing smart business tactics that will bring about more jobs and enrich the lives of Texans and many others. Pioneer has brought pride to the 24th district of Texas and continues to be a positive influence in the state and our country.

Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to recognize Pioneer Natural Resources as a member of the Forbes 500 list. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating such an accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO STANLEY HANKIN

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the career of a distinguished public servant, Stanley Hankin, after a remarkable 53 years of service to our country. On July 3, 2015, Mr. Hankin will be retiring from the U.S. Department of Labor, leaving a legacy of extraordinary dedication to the Department and to the American worker.

Mr. Hankin arrived at the U.S. Department of Labor in 1962 as a graduate student at the University of Maryland. He began in the Division of State and Federal Relations within the Bureau of Employment Security, where he developed national training programs for workers in the State Employment Security system. At that time, videotape technology was just being introduced, although its uses were largely unknown within the government. Using his initiative and foresight, Mr. Hankin transformed video into an integral part of the Department's strategy to convey its messages to the American public.

As an innovator and forward-thinker, Mr. Hankin's talents as an Audiovisual Producer were well-known. He ran nationwide training workshops on how to videotape and produce programs, and he began videotaping significant meetings and sending the recordings to employees in the field. Mr. Hankin also persuaded the Job Corps and the Bureau of Apprenticeship to utilize video PSAs as tools for promoting their good work. After Jobs Corps began to collaborate with the National Football League, Mr. Hankin produced the first in-house Department of Labor PSA, which featured Rosey Grier and Ron Jaworski of the Philadelphia Eagles and Franco Harris of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Mr. Hankin continued his work with video into the 1970s, a period when the technology was gaining popularity. During this time, he began efforts to use video as a means of communicating with workers, and also started a program to coach Department of Labor executives for on-camera appearances and interviews. In the 1980s, when the Department of Labor was given a fully operational Ampex Television studio, Mr. Hankin seized the opportunity. Before long, he was producing award-winning programs for both employees

and employers. Mr. Hankin's accomplishments were so widespread that he was invited to Amsterdam to teach its Labor Department employees how to produce video programming. He was then asked to document the 1983 Conference of Liberators, which brought together men and women from across the world who had played a role in liberating Nazi concentration camps. The resulting work, *To Bear Witness*, brought the Department critical acclaim, winning an Emmy in 1983.

From the 1990s until today, Mr. Hankin continued to approach the Department's use of various forms of media with great innovation. Among many other projects, he produced emergency PSAs for victims of Hurricane Katrina, and *Up From Zero*, a program documenting the heroic workers in New York City who reclaimed and recovered the World Trade Center site. Considered by Mr. Hankin to be one of the Department's crowning achievements, *Up From Zero* won numerous awards, including the coveted CINE Golden Eagle Award. His most recent plans include making video-streaming a regular component of the Department's events and maintaining the standard of excellence expected of the Department's television facility.

Whether he was training Department employees on how to better communicate the goals of their new programs and initiatives or producing PSAs to help the unemployed, at-risk youth, or veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Mr. Hankin always has supported the mission of the Department to assist and protect the rights of American workers. Over the course of his career, he produced or directed more than 1000 video programs and projects.

Through his leadership, infectious energy, and enthusiasm, Mr. Hankin has inspired a standard of excellence in the creative disciplines throughout the Department of Labor. A truly remarkable and accomplished public servant, he has received well-deserved recognition and the love and respect of employees throughout the decades.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Stanley Hankin for his 53 years of outstanding service to our country.

A TRIBUTE TO PAMELA THIEVON— DECADES OF SERVICE

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, Members of this House come from all backgrounds, walks of life, and political philosophies. We are truly a diverse group. However, each and every one of us has at least one thing in common—the desire to provide quality service to the hundreds of thousands of constituents who call us “Representative.”

My predecessor, the late Representative Dean A. Gallo, established a well-earned reputation for prompt and accurate constituent service, helping thousands of New Jersey residents over his two decades of service in Congress. I would like to think that I have been successful in emulating Dean's stellar record.

There is no mystery about this continuity and I would like to identify and pay tribute to